PLATFORM PLEDGES HELD IN ABEYANCE BY LEGISLATURE

Lawmakers Adopt "Watchful Waiting" Policy Pending Appointments by Governor.

> [FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.] HARRISBURG, Jan. 26.

The Legislature has adopted a "watchful waiting" policy in retailation to Governor Brumbaugh for holding the club of ernor Brumbaugh for holding the club of patronage over its head. None of the Republican platform measures or admin-istration measures was introduced last night—the first meeting of the Legislature for the introduction of bills—except the constitutional amendment for the transit loan and the bill calling for a constitutional convention, neither of which measures were in the Republican State plat-form or Doctor Brumbaugh's personal platform. Both have the support of the Governor and the Republican leaders, Governor and the Republican leaders, however, and appear to be assured of

In former sessions, a flood of bills for each of the administration pledges has been introduced as soon as the Legislature actiled down to the routine business of the session. This same proceeding was expected to be repeated last night.

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Not a single local option, workmen's compensation or employers' liability bill was introduced in either branch. One child labor bill was introduced in the House by Chris Becker, of Schuylkill County, but it has not the backing of the Sovernor or of Republican leaders The leaders in both the Senate

House apparently are waiting to see what Governor Brumbaugh does in the way of appointments before they rush matters on administration measures. This does not mean they will tie up the bills which the Governor is personally supervising the drafting of, but it does mean they are not giving him "a line on" what their at-titude is regarding his measures by in-troducing similar bills of their own.

The fact that the Governor submitted only one major appointment—that of Ad-jutant General Thomas J. Stewart—to the Senate last night has caused the belief to become general here that he will con-tinue to hold up his appointments until he sees his way clear in regard to the legislation he wants enacted. Highway Commissioner Edward M. Bigelow spent last night in the House and Senate talklast night in the House and Senate talk-

ing with members.

About 100 bills were introduced in the two branches last night, mostly for appropriations. There was a noticeable lack of "freak" bills. In the only one that was introduced the question of an official State flower was again raised. Frederick E. Geiser, of Northampton, presented a bill specifying the mountain laurel.

\$1,082,500 ASKED FOR TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

Bill in House Includes State Aid for Maintenance and New Buildings.

[FROM A STAYF CORRESPONDENT.] HARRISBURG, Jan. 26.—An appropria tion of \$1,082,500 for Temple University, Philadelphia, for the next two years, was asked for in a bill introduced in the House today by Alexander D. Lauer, of Philadelphia. The bill was referred to the House Appropriation Committee. The sum of \$250,000 is asked for maintenance; \$40,000 for the erection and equip-ment of new buildings for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Teachers' College and an administration build-ing; \$100,000 for the erection of an annex to the university in South Philadelphia; \$60,000 for State scholarships; \$230,000 for the maintenance and extension of the Samaritan Hospital, and \$42,500 for the maintenance and improvement of the Gar-

An additional appropriation of \$25,000 to the trustees of Temple University to pay for the erection of a building for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Teachers' College was asked for in a deficiency bill introduced by Repre-sentative William H. Wilson, of Philadelphia. This sum was appropriated by an act approved July 25, 1913, but it reverted to the State Treasury through inadvertence on the part of the trustees of the university. Representative Lauer introduced a bill

calling for an appropriation of \$45,000 to the Northwestern General Hospital, 2019 North 23d street, Philadelphia.

SIXTEEN DIVORCES GRANTED

Court of Common Pleas No. 4 has announced be following divorces granted:
Annie L. Scott, from Henry Scott.
Emily Kelley, from John Kelley.
Hattle Wilkinson, from George Wilkinson.
Teress N. Lee, from Joseph Lee.
Julia K. Wivel, from William H. Wivel.
Martha M. Furbrow, from William Furbrow.
Charles E. Getts, from Lizzie M. Getts.
Mary E. Gettl, from Albert J. Grill.
Elianboth Kilbride, from Frank Kilbride.
Elsle B. Neill, from John R. Neill.
George T. Haines, from Marraret M. Haines,
James H. Sutherland. from Kate Sutherland.
Annie Hilles. from Charles Hilles.
Virginia M. Mahn, from Walter E. Mahn,
Daniel G. Tyefz, from Florence G. Trefz,
Herman B. Chambers, from Martha J. Cham-

THE WEATHER

Official Forecast

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.

For eastern Pennsylvania: Fair and somewhat colder tonight; Wednesday partly cloudy; gentle to moderate north and northeast winds.

For New Jersey: Fair tonight, colder in the interior; Wednesday fair.

The eastern half of the country is covered by an area of high barometer, with the creat over Ohio, and fair weather prevails under its influence. The temperatures have failes in the Lake region and the Ohio basin and the cold area is appreading eastward across the mountains and over the north Atlantic slope this over the north Atlantic slope this ing. It is warmer in the great plains Canada to the Guif, and although the temperatures have risen about 20 de gress in the Missouri basin they are still below the normal. Snow flurries have covered much of the Far Northwest dur-ing the last 24 hours, and are reported

from scattered areas this morning U. S. Weather Bureau Bulletin at 8 a. m. Eastern time.





This was the scene in New York yesterday when Professor Bell and New York city officials conversed with San Francisco over 3400 miles of wire. From left to right are William A. Prendergast, Controller of New York city; C. E. Yost, president of the Nebraska Telephone Company; Mayor Mitchel, of New York; Professor Alexander Graham Bell, U. N. Bethel, senior vice president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company; George McAneny, president of the Board of Aldermen; J. J. Carty, chief engineer of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

PORTER IRONICAL IN REJOINDER TO JUDGE SULZBERGER

Suggests Notice by Crim-May Be Provided.

A sarcastic report embodying the suggestion that it might be a good idea to ask all criminals for notice of when and where they are to commit a crime was issued today by Director Porter to amplify his previous statements concern-ing the leniency of the courts to crimi-

The Director calls attention in this report to the arrest of Arthur Barratt, De-cember 31, 1914, and declares the man con-fessed to starting eight fires in Frankford.

The report in part follows:
"For the commission of these eight crimes the Grand Jury brought out four indictments. Judge Sulzberger tried him on the last indictment for the burning of the haystack, and refused to admit the sworn statement of the prisoner as to the commission of the other crimes because there had been no eye witnesses present at the time of the commission of these crimes.' As a result, the District Attorney's office submitted the three remaining bills. For the commission of the later crime the prisoner was sentenced to the House of Correction for the term of one year. It is probably not amiss to note at this time that when premises 4648 Cloud street were set on fire by this man three persons, a woman and two children were so badly burned that it was neces-sary to send them to the hospital, where they were confined several days.

"In view of the attitude of the Judge that there must be eye-witnesses to the commission of these crimes I presume I should issue a notice to the public about

'Notice to all those who desire to commit the crime of arson: You will if you will notify us in advance of your desire to commit the crime of arson and furnish us ample notice as to the time and place in order that a grandstand be erected in which to lodge police officers, detectives and other witnesses who might be used against you as witnesses in the commission of the above-mentioned crime."

Apparently for the commission of the orime of arson the sentence provided by law is severe, ranging from a fine of from \$200 to \$4000 and the undergoing of imprisonment by separate or solitary confinement from 12 to 20 years. This man was sentenced to the House of Correction, where it is not possible to give him separate or solitary confinement, because it is a correctional institution and

will give you just this one statement and I will not discuss the matter further. My statement yesterday was not a discussion; it was a denunciation. If cannot discuss that question, surely my years prevent me from discussing any

Judge Sulzberger said this was his final word today when asked what he thought of Director Forter's statement to the ef-fect that "babbling babes and the incoperent mutterings of old men fast approaching their dotage" described the Court's vitriolic assault upon him from the bench. "I have no discussion with the bench. "I have no discussion with anybody," said Judge Sulsberger, signi-fying that the interview had come to the "All my judgments are subject to review by the Superior Court and the Su-preme Court."

A challenge to debate "on open ground" was made to Judge Sulzberger by Mayor Blankenburg as his part in the latest exchange of verbal fusillades started by the juriat's caustic arraignnent of Director Porter.

SCHOONER AND STEAMSHIP CRASH IN DARK; BOTH SINK

Man Lost When the Washingtonian and the Elizabeth Palmer Collide. NORFOLK, Va., Jan. M .- The steamship Washingtonian, of the American-Hawalian Line, was rammed by the schooner Elizabeth Palmer just before dawn today and sank within a few minutes, carrying down with her one member of the crew. The schooner also sank

shortly afterward. Thirty-nine members of the Washingtonian's crew and the eight men of the rew of the Elizabeth Palmer, clinging to wreckage in the darkness, were rescued by the Old Dominion liner Hamilton and lifeboats from Lightship No. 72, which is stationed at Fenwick Island, south of Cape Hanlopen. The collision occurred near Fenwick Island.

The man who was lost was a water ander named Meyer. The Washing-enian's cargo, 20,000 tons of raw sugar, was worth nearly \$1,000,000.

The schooner, driven by a 40-mile wind, was speeding like a racing motorboat when she hit the Washingtonian amid-. She cut deep into the steamer's and then sheered off, leaving a gap-noise through which the water poured. hole through which the water po

BILL AIMED AT HEROIN

Provides Drug Can Be Furnished Only on Prescription.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 20.-A. bill aimed at the traffic in heroin, which during the last two years has become the most extensively used drug in the "Ten-derloin" of Philadelphia, was introduced in the House this morning by A. C. Stein,

ouggests Notice by Criminals as to Intentions in Order That Witnesses

OIL MAGNATE'S SON AND 'MOTHER' JONES

Continued from Page One This had been done, he said, by the

Colorado Fuel and Iron Company. Chairman Frank P. Walsh then read

a letter into the record from an investigator in the Colorado mine strike which indicated that one clergyman had fallen into ill grace because he attacked the killing of strikers at Ludlow, Col. Mr. Rockefeller listened to the letter, and then declared vigorously that he stood for free speech and was opposed to vio-

DEFENDS PROPERTY PROTECTION. He defended the action of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company in taking steps. to protect its property. "I believe the Government is strong enough to protect its citizens," he said, "but there are specific instances where it is unable to meet conditions. In the case of Colorado, there was a time when the State was unable to cope with the situation."

It was brought out that there have been 27 separate investigations into the Colorado labor troubles. The witness said orado labor troubles. The witness said the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company was not making money enough to establish a sociological department. It should retrench, he thought, if it did anything. In reply to one question, Rockefeller said. "I firmly believe employes should have a voice in making the laws that are to protect their lives."

to protect their lives." APPOINTMENT FOR CULLEN Edward E. Cullen, a real estate man of Ward, an ex-Councilman and former deputy tax collector, was today appointed to the clerkship of the miscel-laneous division of Quarter Sessions

Court. The appointment was made by Clerk of Quarter Sessions Court Cunning ham. The salary is \$3000 a year.

WALL FALLS ON WORKMAN

A wall collapsed at the northeast corner of Sydenham and Master streets today, crushing Joseph Porehaus, a workman, 52 years old, of 8th street and Washing-ton avenue. He has a fractured collartwo fractured ribs and internal He was taken to St. Joseph's

ARMY IS FIGHTING; TOWN IS BESIEGED; ALL FOR JOHNSON

In Order That Heavyweight Champion May Enter Mexico, Strenuous Campaign Is Begun by Villa.

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 28.-An army is fighting for Jack Johnson. A town is being besieged that the big black may enter Mexico unmolested for his fight with Jess Willard at Juarez. The only route through Mexico which Johnson can take without fear of being arrested by the troops of General Carranga is by way of Tampico, the famous oil port. General Villa's army is now besieging that port. Villa is to get a slice of the fight money and is expected to make every effort to take Tampico. Johnson's journey through the port depends entirely on the success of the army besieging the town.

The immigration officials in El Paso were today notified to watch for Johnson, as it is believed he may attempt to reach Juarez through the United States. John-son is due to reach the Barbados, West Indies, on Friday. The promoters of the fight here still observe the strictest secrecy as to just how Johnson will reach Junrez.

A brisk five-mile hike along the Ysleta road, followed by a little gymnasium work, and Jess Willard had started his training today for his fight with Johnson at Juarez on March 6. This will be the extent of Willard's work for the next few days. He was out on the road bright and early this morning and declared that as soon as he becomes acclimated he intends to begin heavy work. Willard weighed 246 today. He intends to get down to 230 before stepping into the ring with Johnson.

Jim Jeffries will arrive here next week

o assist in putting Willard in shape for the championship fight, according to the challenger's manager. Jeff's offer to join the corps of trainers has been accepted, and Willard believes the advice from the former champion will clinch his chances of whipping Johnson.

THAW'S MOTHER VISITS TOMBS Meets Son in Prison on Eve of His Arraignment.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26 .- Mrs. Mary Copley Thaw, of Pittsburgh, was a visitor to the Tombs prison this morning, where she spent some time with her son Harry. Thaw will be brought before Justice Ver-non M. Davis tomorrow, when the time of his trial on the charge of conspiring to escape from Matteawan will be settled and also the place of his confinement

An Italian boy timidly entered the 11th ; and Winter streets station and asked whether he could stay there and get warm. Tears trickled down his cheeks as he leaned against the warm radiators. Special Policeman sicFarland saw him and noticed he was pale and poorly clad. "Had any breakfast?" he saked.

"I don't have nuthin' since a yesterday," said the boy. McFarland gave him some change and the boy was out like a flash. In a few minutes he returned with buns and frankfurters. They were not long disappearing. When the last crumb had gone, the boy asked "Where is the work you want me to do?" It took him some time to realize that people gave money away.

The voice of William Miller has been the cause of many sleepless nights among the residents of Howard Tarrace, Ger-mantown. They declared at the German-town police station that all-night parties held at Miller's home. 7213 Howard Ter-race, combined with the continuous vocal selections of Miller, were too much for human endurance. Some said that Miller be heard a block away battling with grand opers and regtime alternately, tails along this line were given by Nobel Haderstein, Aaron Steeckert, Lucy Gibson and others. Magistrate Pen-nock held Miller in 1400 ball for a further hearing. Mrs. Miller was held to appear in her own recognisance.

Carl Silva started out to be a detective on his own hook. He approached several groups of youngsters in the neighborhood

and sent him there. Silva could not con-vince Magistrate Renshaw that he had ever been appointed, and as a bunch of stage money and a check book were found in his pockets, he was held in \$500 ball for a further hearing.

"Paddy" Boyle is so lazy he can't get the police to arrest him for it. Three times last week his name was on the blotter and on each occasion he got his bed and board through the kindness of the Germantown police. "Paddy" can cry even when he feels happy and he worked the tear-shedding plan so much he always obtained his breakfast each morning after being arrested. He declared all he wanted was a chance to make a living and made a speech one morning which was the means of landing him a job in a lumber yard. He held it about two ours when he returned to his favorite pastime of bracing one of the corners a nearby saloon. That's why he w chased off the steps of the police station this morning where he was thinking out some scheme to have himself arrested. He won't break a window with a brick for that means 30 days and the stone pile

Catching milk thieves by electricity is a new plan and proved valuable in the case of Joseph Matto, who saw a milk bettle on the porch of the home of Frank Rodgers, of Tacony. He lifted the bettle, put it under his coat and proceeded leisurely down the street. He was half a block away when Rodgers tanged him on block away when Rodgers tapped him on the shoulder and rescued the milk. Then he turned Matto over to a policeman. At he turned Matto over to a policeman. At the police station, Rodgers explained the hottle was placed directly over a button on the porch. The button was connected with a bell directly over Rodgers' bed. The milkman filled the bottle without moving it, so there was no false alarm. But when Matto picked the bottle up, the bell rang and Rodgers looked out the window and saw alm take the milk. Matto said it was his first offense, and at the suggestion of Rodgers, was disaf 4th street and Fairmount avenue and fiashed a "detective's" badge bearing the city coat of arms. Policeman Fagin saw the boys running from Silva and demanded an explanation. The latter glared at Fagin in contempt. "You're bell rang and Rodgers looked out merely a policeman," and Hiva, "whils I am a detective." And the lapse of his coat went back as his chest expanded.

"We keep all detectives at City Hall," charged.

FIRE IN SOUTH BETHLEHEM

Blaze Causes \$25,000 Damage to Hotel Property.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM, Pa., Jan. 28.—A small fire, which started shortly after 2 o'clock this morning, in Caffrey's Cafe, 3d and New streets, and the immediate dan-ser of which was underestimated by the firemen, developed into a large blaze, and fanned by a high wind caused \$25,000 damage to the hotel property, valued at \$100,000.

After the flames had been gaining headway for about two hours the entire fire de-partments of Bethlehem and South Beth-lehem were rushed to the scene and soon prevented the spread of the flames.

COUNCILS NOW

SOLE BARRIER Continued from Page One

conference with Senator McNichol before the latter went to Harrisburg, and it is understood the Senator declared he would support the Taylor amendment.

Concerning the increase for port transit facilities, Senator Vare said: "Based upon the City Controller's fig-ures of October 1, 1914, of assessed valua-tion of taxable property for 1915, this in-

crease in borrowing capacity will be upward of \$56,385,665. This amount would be available for rapid transit and the port. The resolution provides that when transit and port developments have been ac-quired or constructed and when they have been placed on an income-producing basis, such portion of the bonds as have been irsued therefor which are then supported (as to annual interest and sinking fund payments) by annual net income produced thereby may be excluded from the indebtedness of the city in calculating

its borrowing capacity.
"This provision will enable the city to recover from time to time such portion of the borrowing capacity so utilized for transit and port development as may then be represented by the par value of bonds outstanding which are sustained as to interest and sinking fund out of the net carnings of the facilities.

"In order that the terms of this provision may apply it will not be neces-sary, as it is under the now existing ity to earn the annual interest and sink-ing fund payments on bonds represent-ing the total cost. But such portion of the bonds issued therefore the bonds issued therefore as are sus-tained as to the interest and sinking fund requirements out of the net earnings may be excluded from the city's debt in calculating its borrowing capacity.

SAVING TO THE CITY.

"The resolution also enables the city to issued 50-year bonds instead of 30-year bonds, thereby reducing the annual sink-ing fund requirements from 2½ per cent. upon the par value of bonds issued to 1 per cent. On a \$50,000,000 issue of bonds this will reduce the annual payments required, in addition to interest for sinking fund purposes, by 1% per cent., a saving in such an issue of \$750,000 a year.

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"It permits graded sinking fund instalments to be established. Thus in the early years the sinking fund payments may be made nominal, increasing annually as the producing capacity of the facilities increases, so that in the early years of operation the sinking fund charge, in addition to interest, will be kept down to a minimum,

"It authorizes interest and sinking fund payments on bonds issued accruing dur-

payments on bonds issued accruing dur ing the period of construction and during the first year of operation to be capital-

Thus the city will be enabled to finance and construct rapid transit facilities and port improvements and have them in complete operation for one year before the interest or sinking fund payments become a charge against current reve-

"It will give the city adequate borrow ing capacity for both transit and port developments; will relieve current income from taxation of the interest and sinking fund charges on bonds issued for such developments until they are in actual op-eration and producing income, and will also enable the city to finance these improvements in an economical manner by reducing the annual sinking fund pay-ments. It will enable the city to enlarge its borrowing capacity from time to time automatically as the facilities become partly or entirely self-supporting.

ROBBER GETS BUT 7 CENTS

Overlooks Woman's Jewelry and \$310 in Cash.

The police have a good description of a young man who held up Mrs. Fannie Cassiday, 1850 North 17th street, near 16th and Berks streets, and got about 7 cents and a cheap pocketbook for his trouble, although he overlooked a small fortune in jewelry and \$310 in cash. Mrs. Cassiday was stopped by the highwayman last night while on her way home from a meeting. The rings and diamond earrings she wore were worth more than \$1660. "Could you teil me where Master street is?" the stranger said.

Mrs. Cassiday says she turned to point in the direction of the locality.

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The next moment she was looking into the barrel of a large revolver.

"Throw up your hands," the man ordered, and she compiled.

He then anatched her pocketbook and without waiting to force her to take her gioves off made off in the darkness. Mrs. Cassiday soys she was so frightened she was on the verse of giving the robber everything she had, but he ran off so quickly that this was not necessary,

BELL TALKS 3400 MILES TO HIS FIRST TELEPHONE PUPIL

Inventor, in New York, "Calls Up" T. A. Watson in San Francisco in Longest "Long Distance."

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.-For the first time in the history of telephone development the voice of man was made to span the Continent when Professor Alexander Graham Bell, in this city, "called up" and saluted Thomas A. Watson in San Francisco, 3400 miles away.

The test thus made was entirely successful, the spoken words being as clear and intelligible as they would have been had only a mile separated the great inventor and his first pupil. These two, Professor Bell and Mr. Wat-

on, were the first in the history of the world to converse by telephone. That was back in 1875, when they proved the discovery of the professor over a twomile line stretching from Boston to Cam-In their respective cities, with the Con-

tinent between, representatives of telephone companies assembled yesterday to see the test made, and the conversation ran as follows. New York opening the

line: Professor Bell (in New York)-Hey!

Hey! Mr. Watson, are you there? Do you hear me?

Mr. Watson (in San Francisco)—
Yes, Doctor Bell, I hear you perfectly.

Do you hear me well?

Bell-Yes, your voice is perfectly distinct. It is as clear as if you were here in New York instead of being more than 3000 miles away more than 3000 miles away. Do you remember, Mr. Watson, that evening 38 years ago when we conversed

hrough the telephone on a real line or the first time? Watson—Yes, indeed. That line was two miles long, running from Boston to Cambridge. You were overjoyed to Cambridge. You were overjoyed at the success of the experiment. Bell-We are talking over \$400 miles

as easily and clearly as we talked over two miles 38 years ago. Watson—The telephone men have certainly done wonderful things with our invention since that first outdoor test. We mustn't forget that the cir-cuit we are talking over is really 680n miles long, as, of course, the earth cannot be used for the return now as

we used it then.

Bell-All honor to the men who have rendered this great achievement pos-sible. They have brought all the people of the United States within sound of one another's voices and united them into one great brother-

24 PRAYER MEETINGS PLANNED FOR TOMORROW

Sunday Campaign Committee Announces Schedule.

Twenty-four prayer meetings have been arranged by the "Billy" Sunday Campaign Committee to be held in various sections of the city tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. The schedule is as follows:

Fiftisth Haptist, 7th street and Susquehanna avenue, Rev. G. W. Henson.
Twenty-ninth Street M. E., 20th and York, Rev. A. Pohlman.
Christ United Evangelical, 12th and Oxford, Miss Alice Gamilin.
Gethsemane Haptist, 18th street and Colum-Christ United Evangelical, 12th and Oxford, Miss Alice Gamilin.

Gethaemane Raptist, 18th street and Columbia, Rev. Gladstone Holm.

First Reformed, 19th and Wallace, Rev. H.

K. Holtringer.

Spring Garden, Rev. R. H. Crawford,
Chambera-Wylle Presbyterian, Broad and Spring Garden, Rev. R. H. Crawford,
Chambera-Wylle Presbyterian, Proad and Sprice, Rev. J. G. Newman,
Holy Trinity Episcopal, Rev. Dr. Tomkins,
Bt. Lüke's M. E., Broad and Jackson, Rev.
D. S. Weigle.

Preabylerian Church of Evangel, 18th and Tasker, Rev. Robert Blover,
Silloam M. E., Busquebanna and Thompson,
Rev. P. J. Wright.
St. Faul's Reformed Episcopal, Broad and
Venango, Miss J. E. LaMonte,
Eric Avanus M. E., Th street and Eric avenue, Rev. W. H. Wells.

Central M. E., Rozborough, "Jack" Cardiff.
North Frankford Baytlat, Harrison and
Frankford, H. A. Rodeicaver,
Trinity Lutheran, Germantown and Queen
lans, Mrs. Sunday,
Logan Baytlat, York road and Rockland,
Miss Rose Fetterolf.
Ebeneser M. E., SSd and Parrish, Rev. Asa
Parry
Essucanuel Reformed, 18th and Baring, Rev.

Emmanuel Reformed, 58th and Baring, Rev. Radeline. rnacle Presbyterian, 37th and Chestnut, Mrs. Robert Slover. Wayland Baptist, 52d and Baltimore, Miss Wayland Baptist, 62d and Baltimore, Miss Grace Sax. Fourth Fresbyterian. 47th and Kingsessing, Bourth Fresbyterian, 50th and Catharine, Becond United Brethren, 50th and Catharine, Rev J. W. Walch, Woodland United Fresbyterian, 56th street and Woodland, Mrs. Agher,

ENGS RUSSELL

HARRISBURG, Jan. M .- Enca Russell, for 28 years custodian of the Flag Room at the Capitol, who gained fame by reenlisting as a dispatch bearer after he had jost a leg at Lookout Mountain, died today, aged 74, at his home in New

NEW CONSTITUTION VITAL TO STATE, SAYS AUTHOR OF BILL

Representative Roney Says Present Instrument Is Outworn and Defines Needs That Must Be Met.

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT,] HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 26.-Representative Charles J. Roney, Jr., of Philadelphia, author of the bill providing for the calling of a constitutional convention on January 5, 1916, which was introduced in the House last night, today outlined the program which he believes the convention should follow. His measure is reported to have the backing of the administration, so that his views reflect a part of the plan of the leaders. The plan provides

The establishment of a State-wide Com-mon Pleas Court, with an Appellate Division

A graded system of taxation. Removal of restrictions that now hamper labor legislation.

Home rule for cities and incorporated boroughs. Standardised election laws. Standardised election laws.
Regulation of State charitable bequests.
Reorganization of the Attorney General's department, abolishing special attorneys for commissions and special cases.
The definite establishment of the Governmental departments of the State.
"The Constitution under which we are

now working is more than 40 years old; said Mr. Roney, "and this in itself would be an all-sufficient reason for a revision of a change of the same, because the last of a change of the same, because the last 40 years have marked for the people of this Commonwealth a tremendous change in industrial and commercial matters and an enormous increase in population, and the social problems that come with greatincreases in population. But this of itself is not the only reason why the Constitution should be revised. There are definite, specific and far-reaching reasons for a new order of things. new order of things.

COURT CHANGES NEEDED.

"The organization of the courts is sadly in need of radical changes. Under a new system, embracing a State-wide Common Pleas Court, divided into convenient districts, with an appellate division of the same, there would undoubtedly be a greater dispatch of business and a more prompt and satisfactory conclusion of all

litigated matters.
"The bugaboo of uniform taxation in the same grades or classes of subjects, should be promptly and unceremoniously kicked out of the fundamental law, Graded taxation is the only equitable method of taxation."

"Various inhibitions in the present constitution in regard to certain kinds of legislation, particularly as to labor, should be wiped out, and the Legislature from time to time empowered by the con-stitution to make such changes in the legislation regarding labor as the times

make necessary and proper. HOME RULE ESSENTIAL.

"Constitutional regulation of cities and incorporated boroughs and districts is all wrong. Cities should have the widest measure of home rule, and while the constitutional limitation of borrowing capacity would be a good thing, yet it should be so high that developing cities and boroughs, with confidence in themselves and their financial progress, would find no restrictions placed on their

growth. "I think there should be some fundamental principle written in the constitu tion to standardize, so to speak, election laws, so that there would be some great general principle controlling the elections written in the constitution, with just enough power left in the Legislature to enable it from time to time to enact such laws as the mobility of the matter en-

CHARITIES AND LAW.

"Moreover, the grave and increasingly important question of bequests to State, private and semiprivate institutions should be taken up and have serious thought by a constitutional convention representing the people. As the matter stands now it is almost a disgraceful thing to have the Legislature, so beedless of their obligation and so improvident with the State's money, passing charitable appro-priations far in excess of the revenues of the State. This question must be met squarely and courageously and with the constitutional convention considering the matter wholly as a social and political matter as affecting the welfare of the State, with an absolute disregard of any other question, such as simply pleasing a locality or a sect or class of people.
"There should also be a reorganization of the legal department of the State. The

Attorney General's office should be charged in the Constitution with the du-ties and responsibilities of the legal department connected with administration of the Government, and should exclu-sively attend to the legal business of the State. The retaining of lawyers here and there and everywhere in small and little matters involving the State's rights has been very expensive matter for the Commonwealth and should without hesitation be wiped out. The State's legal business should be carefully and skilfully handled by the State's own paid men, and would result in a much cheaper and much bet-ter representation of the State's interest. T think the next Constitution should establish, by constitutional provisions, all of the departments of the State, and the question of new ones, if necessary, such as a commission or department to look after the public service matters. Depart-ment of Health and all other department that we now have, and which the constitutional convention might deem sary to add to those we already have

SIMPLICITY A CARDINAL POINT "I do not think in any sense that the constitution should attempt to be all exhaustive treatise on the organisation or government of the various departments under it, but should at least be comprehensive, a plainly written and understood instrument for the government of the people, and there should be no reason in people, and there should be no reason in this day or at this time the constitution could not be written of vast benefit to the people and also written and enacted so that the student of civil government in the 12th grade of the grammar school may read as he runs, and there should be little necessity, or at least less occusion than formerly, to have to wait to have the Supreme Court tell us what the constitution means."

\$300,000 FOR COUNTY ROADS

State Appropriation Asked Conditioned on Equal Sum From City. HARRISBURG, Jan. 24.—The State is asked to appropriate 130,000 for the improvement of Philadelphia County reads in a bill introduced in the House today by James A. Dunn, of Philadelphia. Under the provisions of the bill the city of Philadelphia is to appropriate the same amount, and the entire 200,000 is to be expended under the supervision of the Department of Public Works.